



<p>Microsoft DisAbility Scholarship</p>	<p>The mission of DisAbility Scholarship at Microsoft is to empower and enable high schools students with disabilities to (a) go to college, (b) realize the impact technology has on the world, and (c) target a career in the technology industry. A primary goal of this scholarship is to increase the pool of persons living with a disability enrolling in higher education and, in long term, decrease the unemployment bias for this demographic.</p> <p>This non-renewable scholarship will identify promising high school seniors who have potential to enter and successfully complete a vocational or academic college program and have a financial need. The amount of the scholarship to be awarded is \$5,000, which is paid through the Seattle Foundation on behalf of the Microsoft disAbility Employee Resource Group (ERG) to the recipient's school's Financial Aid Office.</p> <p>All candidates must plan to attend a 2 to 4 year University/College or Technical College program, maintain a cumulative 3.0 CPA or equivalent and have declared a major from the approved list (see scholarship guidelines).</p> <p>All completed applications must be postmarked by March 15th. All applicants will be notified of their selection or denial by April 15th.</p>
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<p>To apply for the Microsoft DisAbility Scholarship, the student must meet the following guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a current high school senior with living with a disability (as defined by WHO), whether that be visual, hearing, mobility, cognitive or speech. 2. Plan to attend an undergraduate program in a 2 or 4-year University/College or Technical College in the fall of the academic year following high-school graduation. Schools must be in the USA or have a USA-Affiliate for financial transactions (contact Seattle Foundation to verify non-USA school's eligibility). 3. Declare a major in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, legal or in business that are approved (ie. paralegal, pre-law, finance, business administration, or marketing). 4. Demonstrate a passion for technology. 5. Demonstrate leadership at school and/or in the community. 6. Have a high school cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. 7. Require financial assistance to attend college. 8. Enrollment status must be full-time or half time. 	<p>Scholarship Guidelines</p>
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Application Requirements

Please include all of the following materials with your scholarship application.

1. Résumé

Your résumé should include the following information:

- Extracurricular activities (school and community related)
- Honors and awards (if possible, include awards that are technology related)
- Work experience

2. Picture

3. Transcript

An official sealed copy of your current academic transcript. (Unofficial copies will not be accepted)

4. Three Essays

- In no more than 500 words, describe how you plan to be engaged in the technology industry in your career.
- In no more than 500 words, please tell a personal story of either how technology has helped you to reach full potential given your disability or speak to how your disability has led to innovative thinking about the future in technology.
- In no more than 250 words, demonstrate your financial need for this scholarship.

5. Two letters of recommendation

- One letter must be from a member of your school's faculty.
- One letter can be from a person you know through academic, employment, or community leadership experience. Do not include relatives as references.

*Letters of recommendation should be original and not duplicates of college recommendation letters. Each letter **MUST** be on letterhead.*

6. A Completed Application Form

Fill out the entire Application Form at the end of this document. You can type the information or print clearly. When you are done, print Sections I and II of the Application Form and make sure that you sign and date the verification.

7. Send completed applications to:

The Seattle Foundation
c/o Microsoft DisAbility Scholarship
1200 5th Ave Ste. 1300
Seattle, WA 98101
scholarships@seattlefoundation.org

Application Form:

Section I

Name:	Last _____	First _____	Middle _____
Date of Birth:	_____		Gender: _____
Address:	Street _____	City _____	State _____
	Zip _____		
Phone Number:	_____	Email _____	
High School Name:	_____	Graduation Date:	_____
What colleges and universities have you applied to?	_____ _____		
Which colleges and universities have you already been accepted to (if applicable)?	_____ _____		
College or university you plan to attend (if known):	_____		
List any other scholarships you've been awarded:	_____		
How did you hear about this scholarship? (Check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Web site (please specify):	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	School counselor/staff	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify):	_____	

Application Form:

Section II

Verification:

I affirm that the information included with my application is true and accurate in all respects and that I intend to pursue a degree in higher education. I also understand that, if I am selected, the awarding of funds is contingent upon my fulltime enrollment at an accredited institution and that the funds will be paid directly to the institution and used toward the cost of my education.

Signature

Date

**** Please ensure that your application packet includes all of the required information and documents before sending. We will not accept additional documents sent separate from the original application packet, and only complete application packets will be reviewed.**